

House Resolution 895

By: Representative Horne of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Hayden O'Kelley on winning the Grand National Cross Country National
2 Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 15-year-old Hayden O'Kelley of Coweta, Georgia, became the highest
4 nationally ranked cross country dirtbike racer in his age group for the 2006 season, achieving
5 the title of Grand National Cross Country National Champion; and

6 WHEREAS, as early as the age of three, Hayden was already entertaining dreams of
7 motorcycle racing, and he received his first bike, a PW80, for his seventh birthday and was
8 jumping distances of 100 feet at the age of ten; and

9 WHEREAS, after winning his first race, Hayden soared through competition after
10 competition, eventually earning an invitation to "Loretta Lynn's," his first national caliber
11 event, at the age of 12 before switching to off road racing; and

12 WHEREAS, Hayden won the first cross country race he entered, and in the 2006 season, he
13 raced an aggressive racing campaign in 13 different states and accumulated more points than
14 any other racer in his age group, earning the right to race in the adult division in 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, Hayden has endured a number of burdens in the pursuit of racing glory,
16 including several injuries such as a broken femur at age nine, broken wrists, and a broken
17 ankle, and spending a number of Sunday nights sleeping in the back seat of a moving truck
18 before rising for school on Monday; and

19 WHEREAS, Hayden's parents, Rick and Teresa, have gone to great lengths to help Hayden
20 pursue his dream, traveling with equipment in tow across the country to races in Florida,
21 New York, and Missouri, among other places; and

1 WHEREAS, despite fierce competition and personal injury, Hayden has strived to excel at
2 the sport he loves, and he has brought honor to his family, community, and the State of
3 Georgia.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body congratulate Hayden O'Kelley on winning the Grand National
6 Cross Country National Championship and extend to him and to his family their sincerest
7 best wishes for the future.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Hayden O'Kelley and his
10 family.